

Saturated Soil Causes Aqueduct Instability

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Saturated ground in Provo Canyon has provided an unstable base along Utah Power and Light's Penstock Aqueduct, forcing the green water pipeline to buckle in several places releasing several thousand gallons of water.

It is just another of what is expected to be many Utah

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Valley problems wrought by wet soil layers.

A UP&L spokesman at the Olmstead Power Plant said Saturday that for two days the ground along the north side of the canyon has started to move downward.

The slump has caused the foundations and supports along the pipe to give way, he said.

"All I can really tell you is that the other day there was a lot of water coming out of the pipes where it shouldn't have," he said.

Witnesses Friday said the green pipe had buckled in several places and jets of water were shooting into the air and running down the canyon towards the Provo River.

Provo City Mayor James Ferguson warned this weekend that "major damage" could occur along the Provo River unless the Provo River Water Users Association agrees to release water from Deer Creek Reservoir.

Saying he is angry about the situation Ferguson said the city has appealed to everyone for help and the water users have received requests to release water from "everybody but President Reagan."

During the past several weeks the group has been contacted by numerous government officials, Ferguson said.

"Senators and congressmen have written letters, we have written letters and we still get no response from them," he



Jim Hills Photo

UP&L's canyon pipeline testes by wet soil base.

said. "About the only one who hasn't contacted them is President Reagan."

Ferguson said even though city crews have been working for months to prepare for flooding along the river, there is no way to prevent major damage if water is released from the reservoir all at once.

"The damage could be major and severe," he said. "If we could get water released now it would cut down on the flow from the reservoir when major runoff begins."

"We are frustrated and angered that we haven't been

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Children will especially love the ries, said McDonough, because their uninhibited sense of imagination. "Kids will rivet themselves to the radio," he said. Bradbury himself introduces the series with an invitation hard to resist. "Join me for the next 30 minutes on a tour through time and space. Come along to the far future. Follow me into a strange world with stories that almost could be or might have been. Real or unreal...this is 'Bradbury'."

FUND RAISING:

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of fund-raising activity. We have had complaints in Lehi from businesses being asked for donations as high as \$700 for one-page ads.

"There are large state-wide organizations that benefit police officers. But the Utah Alliance of Police Officers only benefits a small number and does not benefit our police department."

Dennis Thayne, the UAPO's president, said the organization is contracted with a telephone marketing group to do its calling. "If they are misrepresenting law enforcement, they shouldn't be."

Ron Asselin of Starbuck Productions, the marketing group, said, "I've been in police sales many years. What we do here is do all over. If people ask where the money is going, we tell them it goes to the Utah Alliance Police Officers general fund to be used by their group as needed."

But several merchants have complained to local police departments about the dialogue.

The Utah Alliance of Police Officers called my office asking if I could support the organization by placing an ad in a program for Western variety show. When I questioned the organization's validity, the caller argued that if I didn't support the local police department, I am not being a good citizen," said Dr. David Dickerson of Pleasant Grove.

Lehi police Lt. Carl Zimmerman, a member of the organization, said he believes the method of fund-raising is wrong and unethical. "I don't know if we ever get some of the money being raised or not."

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though McKellar, spokesman for the water users, said he has one idea about the reservoir and Ferguson another.

"There is information on both sides of this," McKellar said.

The group is not sure that once water is released from the reservoir that there will be enough to fill it up for use during dry summer months, McKellar said.

According to Bill Alder, head forecaster with the National Weather Service, with more water in the ground, northern Utah could be in for heavier runoff this spring than last and the forecast for the

in whether the runoff with stay with river channels and lake beds or push over its banks depends on weather patterns during the next 10 weeks, according to Alder and other weather specialists.

Alder said while March temperatures have been about normal, April and May should be cooler and wetter than normal.

"It's time to start getting some of the snow off the mountains and the unusually low temperatures won't help," he said. But the biggest danger



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